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EMBASSY CONTACTED MRS. FAINZAIG ON THE CASE OF DETAINEES ISAAC HECTOR MOCHON AND JORGE NOE FAINZAIG. BOTH MEN ARE BEING HELD FOR "ECONOMIC CRIMES" UNDER EXECUTIVE DECREE 2127 DATED JULY 21, 1977. ACCORDING TO MRS. FAINZAIG, TWO MEN HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN CHARGED WITH ECONOMIC IMPROPRIETY IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE OF A RESIDENCE IN LA RIOJA PROVINCE. THE MEN WERE ACQUITTED IN SEPTEMBER, 1977 BUT REMAINED DETAINED UNDER EXECUTIVE DECREE FOR UNSPECIFIED ECONOMIC CRIMES. MRS. FAINZAIG TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER TODAY (JANUARY 6) THAT SHE LEARNED FROM A CONFIDENTIAL MILITARY SOURCE THAT MOCHON AND FAINZAIG'S CASE MAY BE "SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED" BY JANUARY 25. SHE THEREFORE REQUESTED EMBASSY TO REFRAIN FROM MAKING ANY REPRESENTATIONS ON THEIR BEHALF THAT MIGHT COMPLICATE THEIR RELEASE IN THE MEANTIME. NEITHER FAINZAIG NOR MOCHON HAVE PETITIONED TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY AS THEY WOULD PREFER TO BE

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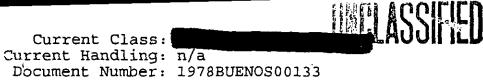
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FULLY EXONERATED AND RELEASED IN ARGENTINA, ACCORDING TO MRS. FAINZAIG. HOWEVER, SHE ASKED TO SEE A CONSULAR OFFICER TO DISCUSS DETAILS OF OBTAINING AN IMMIGRANT VISA FOR

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HERSELF AND HER HUSBAND. EMBASSY WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH MRS. FAINZAIG AND REPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. PLEASE PASS ON THE ABOVE INFORMATION TO INTERESTED CONGRESSMEN,

INCLUDING REP. DRINAN.

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